In the HOME is worth a dozen in the byway, and just remember THE DEMOCRAY is the home paper of Mercer County.

Gave Banner Fair Board Talk at Meeting Monday.

Matters of Importance, Including Appointment of Minor Officlais, Taken Up.

The Mercer County Agricultural Society met at the Mayor's office in this city last Monday afternoon, with

Many matters relative to the coming fair were taken up and disposed of and at the conclusion of the meeting President Shoch, Secretary Hamilton and several of the members of the Board visited t heFair grounds to look after some contemplated im-

Secretary "Put" Sandles, of the state agricultural commission, who happened in town on business matters pertaining to the establishing of a fish hatchery at the reservoir, attended the meeting of the Board for a few minutes when he found they were in session, and gave them a brief but very pleasant talk along Fair lines.

The Board in thier business sesion employed the following marshal, gate keepers, ticket sellers, and police for the coming meet, August 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Marshal-Robert Larmore, Jeffer son township.

Gate Keepers—Wm. Young, But-ler; Thoe. Thaiman, Granville; C. A. Browne, Gibson; W. E. Counterman, Blackcreek, and Jerry Drake, Union. Ticket Sellers—Frank Stoner, Lib-erty; Harry Murlin and Roy Jenkins, Jefferson; E. E. Garwick, Center; Al Rhoades, Hopewell; Anthony Klein-henz, Marion; Jacob Carter, Frank-lin; Harry Romer, Granville.

Grand Stand Gate Keepers-Glen Wortz, Recovery; Samuel J. Chlving-ton, Dublin; Bert Holdren, Washingn; R. Miesse, Jefferson. Police—Members Company K, 2nd

Regiment O. N. G., of St. Marys.

The Board employed five county bands for the week—Celina, Fort Recovery, Center, Montezuma and Blackcreek. They also agreed to offer a cash prize of \$20 for the best

grange display on the grounds.

A number of copies of the Premium list, which has just been published by the Fort Recovery Juornal, were distributed at the meeting. Others wil be ready for distribution next week. You can then get one by calling at this office.

And Other Injuries Sustained by Boy Who Hopped Wagon Tongue Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Michael, living at the corner of Mill and Fulton their wonderful playing street, sustained a very bad fracture of the left leg between the knee an hip, had his right thumb and little finger badly mashed and was other wise badly bruised up when he fell off a farm wagon in front of the Celina Auto company's garage on South Main street, about half past five last Tuesday evening. It was almost mi-raculous that the injuries were not fatal. Clarence Frysinger was driving north on Main street with two wagons, the one fastened to the oth-The young lad, with a companion had attempted to get onto the second wagon, and had crawled upon the tongue, when he slpped and fell beneath the wheels, which passed over his leg. Mr. Frysinger was not aware of the accident until his attention was directed to it by people running to the boy's assistance. Beam, employed at the garage picked hlm up and assited by others he was placed in a machine and taken to his young messenger boy for the Westassisted by Dr. Langel reduced the city, was last Monday promoted to pated. fore he will agailn be able to use the Wapakoneta office of that company

Have Closed Deal and Will Open neta office speaks very highly for his Exclusive Shoe Store at Urbana in August.

Clerk of Courts Walter L. Johnson and Fred Vordenfeld, now with the Wagner & Hellwarth shoe store on West Fayette street, wil lopen up an exclusive and up-to-date shoe er boy to fill the vacancy here caused store in Urbana on August 1.
Messrs Johnson and Vordenfeld

have been working on the deal to secure one of the best business sights in that city for the past couple of months, but the deal was not finally ing the so-called special war tax closed until last week, and they beclosed until last week, and they began at once to remodel the room for June. their new venture.

The young men have rented a room formerly used as a shoe store, leys, pool rooms and dealers in tobut recently closed up. It is cen- bacco. trally located, the former store enjoying a large and profitable busi- B. Niles, mailed blanks on June 1, to

it wil be continued under this well- will not relieve taxpayers from the known name, with Johnson & Vor- penalties for failure to pay during first passed the matter in silence, bedenfeld as proprietors.

Clerk Johnson's term ends on August 1, and he expects to move to Urbana and take up the business immediately after that date. Mr. Vor-denfeld was formerly with a well per year, do not need to pay the war known Cincinnati shoe manufactury tax. and is well acquainted with the busmake good at their new venture.

The Urbans Daily Citizen of last | nual rates. expects to open a shoe store in the sue receipts as promptly as possible street, was in Urbana to-day looking upon tax-payers the importance of over the work being done on the remodeling of the rom. Mr. Johnson ers, except those who pay income tax was accompanied by Mrs. Johnson must make a sworn return on a blank and while they were here they were furnished by the revenue depart-incidentally looking for a home to ment. These blanks wil be supplied

store at that time. Mr. Johnson completes his second term as clerk of the courts of Mercer county at that time

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ANOTHER MONUMENT TO EX-GOVERNOR COX

After all the regular and special ductions have been made, there is not surplus of \$284,206.06 in the fund of the industrial commission of Ohio, according to the figures of a report of May 15, just made public. The industrial commission considers these figures the best answer possible to campaign claims made that the workmen's compensation fund was insolvent. This surplus is shown after all regular charges for claims pending are made, and after the special catastrophe fund has been deducted and set aside to cover disaster claims. The assets in the com-pensation fund are \$5,313,919.34, all members present and President excluding the fund for protection of the public employes. Premiums received amount to \$4,892,592.78; premiums in the course of collection are \$3.86,521.32; interest on prem-ium deposits is \$124,805:24. The

cash balance at the date of report was \$2,691,947.25. Reviewing the work the helpful co-operation of employers in prevention of accidents is commended. Announcement is made that in view of the surprisinly light losses against the state and county fund no further premium will be collected from this fund for this year and possibly not for 1916.

Noted Young Musicians, Will Be a Feature of Coming Celina Chautauqua.

The Ley sisters, Adeline, a noted violinist, and Emma, pianist, who will appear on the program of the Ce-



tuaqua will, too, have to applaud

Ferd Kreigel, indicted for contri-buting to the delinquency of Heler Kreigel Fortune; Evie Thomas and Ado Pulskamp, both indicted for rape of the same child, were arraigned be fore Common Pleas Judge Miller last All three en-Saturday morning. ered pleas of not guilty. Young Kreigel's case was set for hearing on Tuesday, July 6, Thomas' on Wednesday the 7th and Pulskamp's on Friday, the 9th.

YOUNG HUSTLER GETS GOOD W. U. PROMOTION

Norval Goudy, who for several years past has been the hustling Dr. Brumm was called and ern Union telegraph company in this It will be many weeks be- fill the position of manager of the a place made vacant by the transfer of the Wapakoneta manager to Cin-

> Young Goudy is possibly one of the youngest managers in the employe He falled to find a soft spot in lightof the company, and their assignment ing, hence his trouble of him to the charge of the Wapakoneta office speaks very highly for his standing with the company. He is a hustler from the word go, and the past year has not only been messeng er boy but an able assistant to Manager Loughridge of the local office The new job is a big one, but here's hoping he will succeed. Thomas has been chosen as messeng- at Wapakoneta last Monday. by young Goudy's transfer.

TIME TO PAY INTERNAL REVE-NUE TAXES-JUNE 30.

All Internal Revenue taxes, includ-This takes in the income taxes, special taxes on liquor dealers, pawn brokers, theatres, bowling al-

Collector of Internal Revenue, F all tax-payers of record. The store recently closed was calls attention of the public to the following affidavit will show that known as the Johnson shoe store and fact that failure to receive a blank there is no truth nor foundation in

Persons engaged in the sale of tobacco and cigars whose gross receipts of the matter, which caused him a from the sale thereof will not aver-

The war tax law expires on De-Here is trusting that the boys cember 31, 1915, an othe amount due at this time is one-half of the an

The Internal Revenue office at To Walter L .Johnson, of Celina, who ledo is working day and night to is Johnson room on North Main and Collector Niles wishes to impres They expect to move to Ur- upon application to Frank B. Niles, bana about the first of August and Collector of Internal Revenue, at To-Mr. Johnson expects to open his new ledo, Ohio.

RACING

At Fair-Grounds July 5 Promises Great Sport

Entries Already Made Show Fine String of Horses-\$1000 in Prizes for Event.

Matinee races, including three-heat th, apped program to begin at 1:30, Owners and the records of horses that will appear in the races follow, giving you a good idea of the high class of rac ng that may be confidently looked for: Harry W., 2:0814—Pat King, Mercer, O Roop Dilled, 2:0814—Irvin Hole, Celina Hazel Armstrong, 2:1114—Lawler Bros

Dandy B., 2:13%-David Jones, Ohio Moveleen, 2:12%—Clarence Felver Graph, 2:12%-Bert Profit, rd. New Hamilton, 3:1554—A. Marshell, Aumir. Col. Ellsworth, 2:16%.—J. O. Pierce,

llows: Hallie Hamilton, by Van Dillard, bas ade a mile in 2:21, and a half mile in 09.
Luetta Dillard, by Van Dillard, was a lie had year in 2:11% and is good.
Lee Oratorio, by Oratorio, has made a de in 2:22% and is only three years old.
Ellly Milton, by Jersey Milton, trailed Delburta, by Bourbon Patchen, can go 30 and will improve. Harrison, by Lection, can early beat 39; Tom Axtell, a 5-year-old trotter can tre-trot some and do it right. Buster H., 2.53½ is owned by A. H. omer, of Coldwater, and is acting well. Bessie B. by Tommy D; hs trailed in with

Flying Red. a sorrel gelding, is a high ass pacer. Dorothy Dillard, by Hal Dillard, is sil liked. rell liked.

There are a few others that will be eady when the bell taps.

BOY'S ROAD RACE Purse \$50, hulf mile heats, 2 in 3. Race inited to three heats. Entries close Monday, June 28, 1915, at Entry fee of \$2 to be paid when entry is made; 5 to enter and 1 to start.

Confined to the county and to horses that have never been trained by a professional trainer.

Entry blanks can be had at Tom Roop's black-smith shop, or of Irvin Hole, Secretary, Fair-ground, Celina.

Which have placed them in possession of enough evidence, it is said, to warrant the arrest at most any time of three or four local drunks.

PERSONAL

BOUQUET FOR SPELLING

Hon. John L. Sullivan is the able editor f the Mansheld Shield. He communeds the spelling contest as

He commands the spelling contest as follows:

Chaude C. Howsett, 20, a student of the Hillsboro High School, is the champion speller of Ohio, it was one o'clock Saturday morning, before the first statewide spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the judges found that he had deteated the champion spelling be closed and the paddes spelling be closed and the champion spel

is hoped that the interest in spelling continue and that annual spelling will be conducted by the state.

George Gets 'Em All.

Judge O. Raudabaugh again won he medal at the regular shoot of the celina gun club at Mercelina field on Cuesday afternon, breaking 49 out f a posible 50. Ed Brune was sec ond with 41 and Chris Kistler third George Kistler made a perwith 37. score in the days' events breaking fifty straight.

Engineer Howard Injures Hand

Chief Engineer C. W. Howard, of the local light and water-works plant is nursing his left hand as the result of an accident at the plant yes-terday morning. While somewhat painful, nothing serious is antici-

Frisky Horse Dumps Tom in Ditch ankle badly sprained last Tuesday

Blacksmith Tom Roop had his left when a horse he was driving scared,

James F. Doty, the venerable father of Mrs. John O'Neil, of Mercer Hobart dided at the home of his son, John, survived by the following children: Wapakoneta; James, of Chleago, Ill.; Mhs. Kinsey O'Neil, of Mercer, and Mrs. NellieSanduskey,of One brother, Veteran Dan Doty, of Dayton, also survives. Funeral services were hel dat St. Marys Wednesday morning, with Rev. Roebuck of this city, in charge.

ANNOYING RUMOR PUT TO REST BY PROSECUTOR

False rumors having gained wide spread circulation in the county de-rogatory to Leo Schunck, it is only justice to him to state that the the stories afloat. Mr. Schunck at lieving that it was unworthy of notice but the continued harping over great deal of annoyance, and at the request of friends over the county who felt that the injustice hurt his future prospects, he had the following sworn affidavt made:

the request of Leo C. Schunck and because of certain rumors by the public, and as a matter of justice to Mr. Schunck make this statement on his behalf; that he was not indicted by the Grand Jury of Mercer County, Ohio, at the April term, 1915, and that the evidence that was brought before the grand jury did not show that he had committed any offense in rela-tion to the Helen Kriegel case, under the laws of the State of Ohio. Respectfully submitted, B. A. MYERS, Pros. Atty.

Van Wert Fishing Party Injured

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A fishing party from VanWert, including Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stump and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hires, were spilled in a ditch at the Lawrence Eichler home, about 3 miles north of this city, yesterday morning, when their automobile struck a depression in the road and upset. Mr. and Mrs. Stump each had an arm broken and Mr. Hires a shoulder dislocated.

Annual Reunion of Vasts

The annual reunion of the bouse of Fast was held at the Fair grounds in this city last Wednesday, when nearly three hundred of kith and kin assembled for the occasion. Ad-dresses were delivered by Rev. A. H.

eteristic recitation. The usual big dinner followed at which pleasantries were uncorcked and everything passed off in a happy manner. The old officers of the asp Fast, President, and Herbert Fast,

Will Close With Fire Works

Our Annual Picnic and Field Day will be held at McCullough Lake Park, Lima, Ohio, Monday, July 5th. This promises to be one of the larg-Mercer counties.

with something doing every minute. Dancing, boating, swimming, athletevents, guessing contests and prizes for all the winners, and concerts slides were a total loss, but luckily all day and evening, closing with an the machine was not badly damaged aborate display of fireworks.

Make your arrangements to attend this big affair. THE COMMITTEE.

May Arrest Copper Wire Thieves

A quiet search which has been going on for two weeks past will likely sustaiend within the next couple of days arms. in the arrest of three or four local parties, for the theft of a number of of bales of copper tlephone wire, stolen a couple of weeks ago from the supply sheds of the local telephone company.

The officers have run several clews which have placed them in posses-

C. P. Schunck and family motored to Lima Wednesday.

Miss Mary Langel is the guest of relatives and friends at Lima this Elmer Ashcraft, of Fort Recover, Mendon gave up the date first set visited with friends in this city last for a later date.

Sunday. Mrs. Ed Rush is at Fletcher visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Char-

city over Sunday. T. E. Beery, er and sister in this city.

week for Kent, where she will attend a summer Normal. Misses Blanche Meyer and Marie Hemmert are visiting friends and rel-

atives at St. Marys this week. Dr. Bernard Pulskamp and family, Sunday guests of relatives in this

Misses Estela and Anna Crouch, of Norwalk visited over Sunday with

heir mother, Mrs. Chris Crouch, in the East End. Mrs. Emma McKee, of Sarasota, Florida, is here for a visit of several months with her sister, Mrs. A. B.

irim, just east of town. Jeweler George Weber was at Cinnnati this week attending the Ohio of years or more, recently purchas State Optical Convention and incilentally visiting his mother.

Mrs. M. J. McKee and son, of Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brewer, of St. Marys, visited Sunday with Mrs. Lucinda Hight and family. Miss Jenny Frances, of Sidney, vis-

ed the first of the week with W. C. ew weeks visit.

rip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and week. her Eastern points. Miss Edna Loree, who has been at

mer with her parents, Attorney and operation of our Intertype, went to Mrs. J. W. Loree, North Main street. New York City last Tuesday where was visiting her brother, and daugh- study in the operation and mechanier, Miss Anna, at Chicago, Ill., was cal care of the linotype and interalled home last Monday by the death type. of her father, J. F. Doty, at Wapako-

companied home by her sister, Miss Mary Jeckel, who expects to make her home here.

covery, who has been in a millinery ington township, and Miss Hazel store at Cedartown, Ga., the past sea- Spriggs, of Wabash, youngest daughson, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. ter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Spriggs, B. A. Myers, in this city, last Friday | were quietly wedded at Fort Wayne, while enroute to Fort Recovery to Ind., last Saturday. Mr. Ransbottom spend the sumer with her mother.

Mre. E. R. Edwards and daughter, Miss Marcella, of Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, of Lima, are guests of Agent Thomas M. Ed-wards, of the C., H. & D. and family. Mrs. W. O. Huffman, Mrs. George Hendrick, Mrs. Anna Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Younger motored to Spencerville last Tuesday, where they attended a convention of the Rebekah lodge of this district.

dabaugh returned last Sunday from Cleveland and Lorain, where they spent last week. The Judge attended the Eagle lodge convention in the latter city, and incidentally pulled daug down second money in trap shoot. Hale, ing events of the first two days of the convention. Mrs. Raudabaugh's mother, Mrs. Agnes Snyder, who ac-

Stampede at Strand Tuesday **Night Narrowly Averted**

Film Caught Fire in Mysterious Manner, but Blaze Was Confined to Fire-Proof Booth.

The presence of mind of Homer Matinee races, including three-heat Roebuck, David Springer and Dr. vents and a boy's read race, will be held the Celina Pair-grounds, Monday, July Laudahn, of this city, gave a charager U.G.Hinders has an absolutely fire proof booth at his motion picture house, the Strand, o nSouth Main street, saved a disastrons fire about half past nine o'clock last Tuesday evening. While showing one of the Charley Chaplin films the film in ome unknown manner caught fire. The house was crowded to standing room and when the features of Chap-In began to fade o pthe screen in a reddish hue a number in the back of This promises to be one of the largest affairs ever attempted by the and found the booth in flames. A frush was made for the exits and it Col. Ellsworth, 2:164;—J. O. Pierce, will be participated in by the Ladies was for a moment feared a stam-portland, ind.

The Green borses are very classy and and Sir Knights of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Putnam, Van Wert and Goldows. rear of the house and Walter Mers-This is to be an old fashioned man, who was in the front part of the masket picnic for lite whole family, and they filed out in nice order, while the flames raged in the steel fire proof booth. Two films and several slides were a total loss, but luckily and Mr. Hinders was able to put on his regular show Wednesday night Homer Hinders, who was operating the machine shut off the current of electricity as soon as he realized the fire and jumped from the booth. He sustained only slight burns on his

HUMOROUS WET AND DRY DEBATES NEXT WEEK

The big event in Mercer County this week is the Hall and Summers dialouge and debate on the wet and dry question. You'll get all that is coming to you when you hear that. Should say that there isn't a dry minute in it. Ful of wit, humor, pathos and facts. All will enjoy it, what-ever your belief. They will be at— Fort Recovery, Friday evening, June 25.

Celina, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 26. Rockford, Sunday afternoon, June

Coldwater, Sunday evening, June

Paid Home Folks Brief Visit Henry Boskin and family, of Dayton, were the over Sunday guests of Fred B. Boskin.

Henry Goslee, of North Star, visited with relatives and friends in this difference Sunday guests of the weak Paying second place in the National League race, was the guest of his parents, which was a settled fact that a hatchery would be established somewhere on the north shores of the lake, but because of the lake, but because of the matter by people of city the first of the week, having se-cured leave of absence for a couple us, visited this week with his moth. of off-days which the team had on Monday and Tuesday. He left his Miss Claudia Kenney left this team at St. Louis after last Sunday's Chicago on Wednesday.

John Hoenie, one of our well known pioneer citizens, got a severe shaking up in a fall, while trimming a tree on his farm northwest of town of Rome City, Ind., were the over last Wednesday. Fortunately no were broken, and no serious esults are anticipated.

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C. G. Springer and wife, who have Henry. He been at Muncie, Ind., the last couple be expected. a five acre tract of land on the State Line pike, just west of the city limits, and will make Celina their home. Mr. Springer will make some improvements on the place immediate-

Our old friend, A. W. Shively, of Crawson, Tenn., dropped in to see Dick and family. Dorothea and Ruth last Saturday. He is up here for his Dick returned home with her for a annual visit to his old home. Mr. Shively is a veteran of the Civil War, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wyckoff, and and was sorry he did not get up here Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ackerman left the a couple of days sooner and meet the arst of this week for an automobile boys, who were here in reunion last

Frank Petrie, who for the past sev eral years, has been employed as compositor and pressman on the college at Bloomington, Ill., the past compositor and pressman on the school year, is home to spend sum. Mrs. John O'Nell, of Mercer, who he will take up a special course of

Mrs. J. L. Barnes and children are home from a few weeks visit with relatives at Mentor, II. She was ac-

Rolla Ransbottom, a former well known Celina boy, and a son of Dr. Miss Dessie Dumbauld, of Fort Re- and Mrs. I. J. Ransbottom, of Washs a steudent at the O. S. U., at Columbus, taking a special course in medicine. The yuong people will be "at home" this summer at the home The yuong people will be of the groom's parents in Washington township. They have a host of friends who wish them the best in married life.

MARRIAGE LICENSES R. E. Dixon, 26, merchant, Geyers, son of W. B. Dixon, and Hazel Car- form the Cron property on East Ful- the walnut lumber that the seats mack, 14, teacher, Celina, daughter Probate Judge and Mrs. O. Rau- of S. J. Carmack. Rev. Martin. Ralph Krogman, 26, huckster, Hopewell township, son Krogman, and Luiu Rutledge, 24. garage last Monday afternoon, when housekeeper. Hopewell township, a wheel o this automobile came off, them after the lapse of so many housekeeper, Hopewell township,

Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Viloet Grunden and children, of Waldron, companied them to Cleveland, remained for an indefinite stay with last Saturday, the latter leaving on a brief call while in town last Friady her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Garvin and that day for her home. Mrs. Adams paying his semi-annual visit to the at this office last Tuesday.

Local Talent Suspected

Burglars, believed by the officers to be local talent, gained entrance to the Catholic Church by a side door, which they pried open sometime last Sunday night, and broke open two poor fund boxes, stealing the conents. It is not known how much money was in the boxes, but there was not a great deal. This is the third time within the past year that this same job has been pulled off.

NO MORE SCHNAPPS

Berlin, June 12-Admiral Von Mueller, Chief of the Private Marine Cabinet, has sent to the President of the German Association the follow-ing open letter against the misuse of

spirituous beverages: "I have recently had an opportun-ity to hear the Emperor speak on the alchohol question in the present war. His Majesty on this occasion asserted he thoroughly maintains the opinion expressed by him in his Muerwik speech to the cadets, but that, on the other hand, in war a more extended use at least of lighter alcoholic li-quors must be permitted. Thus, for nstance, light native wine or beer was preferable to water for troops if the water available was of an objectionable quality. Strong drinks, such as schnapps of every sort, may

the troops." the matter up with the company and Admiral VonMueller says that see if the permit would not be grantneasures have been taken to hinder ed.

To Be Located on North Shore of Reservoir-Lack of Interest in Big Pond Cited.

Looking toward the establishment of a fish hatchery on Lake Mercer, Chief Game Warden General John C. President A. P. Sandles, Secretary plied with. Benj. F. Gayman, S. E. Strode and C. G. Williams, of the State Agricul-tural Commission, visited this city structed Solicitor Johnson to draw up for a few minutes last Monday af-ternoon. Members of the St. Marys meeting creating a municipal work-Fish and Game Association had the gentlemen in tow and only brought place stone, so that local drunks and them over to this side of the big lake hobos that are arrested may work after they had toasted and tined them sumptuously at the Idlewild club. Mayor Rice, Deputy Warden Leininger and a Democrat representative were the only local people to meet the party here.

President "Put" Sandles in his few lack of interest manifested by Celina people in the big pond and matters pertaining to it. He said that he believed that with a little push and pull Albert "Bruno" Betzel, who has been creating a furor in baseball cirsummer population of more than

aving se-a couple this city, it was very probable that this city, it was very probable that dows and as per announcement in the it would be established on the east newspapers, rededicated the house end. The matter, however, he said on June 20, 1915. There were many was entirely in the hands of General present that had been members at contest and joined them again at Speaks, and that he would likely fix the location with in the next week.

Well Known Man Suddenly Stricken Christopher Ranley, a well known esident of Granville township, was stricken seriously ill with a hemorrhage of the bladder last Monday afternoon, whilet he was at the office of Attorney C. S. Younger, having his will prepared. He was taken to the Charles Spriggs, of this city, and office of Dr. D. H. Miller, where an H. J. Bobenmoyer, of Washington operation was performed by Drs. township, left the first of the week Miller and Hattery, of this city, and by automobile for Illinois, Nebraska, Noble, of St. Marys. The operation and lowa, for a couple of months was successful and the next day the aged man was removed to the home of his son, Sebastian Ranley, at St. He is doing as well as could

Going to Surprise the Fish

The installation this year of a dredg in Lake St. Marys (the Mercer County reservoir) is assured in a communication received by W. Smith from State Budget Commis-sioner E. M. Fullington. Funds to the amount of \$14,000 have been allowed for the dredge, in addition to an allowance of \$3,000 for mainte-The announcement comes nance. as a pleasing surprise, as it was presumed the dredge project was postponed until next year .- St. Marys Argus.

LOCAL GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stark moved o Piqua this week where they will go into the hotel business.

Mrs. John Schuyler and Mrs. P. F Callen are at Mansfield this week attending the state convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel "Boone Beam, residing at Mercelina Park, are the proud parents of a baby boy, he first born, which arrived at the Beam home last Saturday morning. Miss Mary Agenbroad went to Lima yesterday to have her throat operated upon. She was accompanied by her brother and sister, 1. N. Agenbroad, of Dayton, and Mrs. Shell M. Fisher, of this city.

John Bowers, who has been work-

ing in a barber shop at Spencerville,

for some months past, has returned

to this city, and taken up employment again in the Bowser barber shop on West Favette street. He expects to move his family back here next week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Behringer have moved from the Vining property into their new bungalow on East the sawing. John Dutton furnished

ton street into the Vining property, were finished with. Brother Dutton vacated by the Behringers'. Dr. W. C. Stubbs sent in a call for came into fellowship sometime after. of Wm. help to the Cellna Auto company's daughter of Joseph Rutledge. Rev. just this side of Coldwater. He was on his way home from a trip to West

wife and sons, Elmer and John.

Will Ring All Right, and Somethin' Will Be Doin'

Dads Also Pass Ordinance to Compel W. O. to Sprinkle Certain Right of Way.

Council met in regular sessio nlast Tuesday night with all members present but Sharp, and with Mayor

Rice presiding. Henry Gelse, Dan Creeden and Jos. Harper addressed council relative to a ditch which runs past their premisses, between the C., H. & D. and Cincinnati Northern tracks on West Livingston street. They stated that they would be able to get rid of the water causing the trouble if given an outlet through under the C. N. trcks, but that the railroad company refused to grant them permission to cross their right-of-way. The solicitor finally, after an hour's debating under no circumstances be given to with the gentlemen agreed to take the troops."

the sending of schnapps of every An estimte of Martin & Stewart on kind to troops in the field.

cepted. The mater of repairing a number of streets wis referred to the street committe for action.

A resolution requiring the Western Ohio traction line to sprinkle its right-of-way over Market street from Main street to the Lake Erie & West-

ern crosing was passed.
A curfew ordinance, requiring unccompanied children under the age of eighteen years to be off the streets by nine o'clock in the evenings was passed, and strict instructions were given the mayor and officers to see Speaks, Chief Deputy Herman Nohr, that the ordinance was careful com-

At the instigation of Night Policestructed Solicitor Johnson to draw up house, and providing for a place to out their time.

remarks said that he deplored the Of Neptune Church of God Sunday Brought Out Interesting Early History.

> [By A. J. Bair.] During the last few months the nembers of the Church of God at Neptune have remodeled their church house by adding to the south end an addition for choir and pulpit, putting present that had been members at some time but had removed to other places. A sort of home coming as it were.

Rev. Gotschall, of Findlay, preached the sermon, after which he stated that \$1000 was needed to finish paying for the house and to purchase a lot for parsonage purposes, and in a very short time the entire amount was raised with quite a handsome surplus.

After the service all present were invited to the town hall where the ladies had prepared a bountiful dinner free for all. Needless to say that it was enjoyed and appreciated by all Rev. Guyer, president of Findlay College, gave an excellent talk that surely was to the point and was enjoyed by the very large audience that was present. In the evening Rev. F. Slough, a former pastor of the church, delivered one of his usual powerful sermons and this service ended one of the happiest days of the

As I was requested by some of the present members and pastors of the church to write up a sort of history of the building, and dedication of the former church house, I will endeaver to do so briefly. But as this must be done from memory alone it is not possible that it will be complete, but it will be substantially correct. ecord of the church affairs were kept at that time.

History of the Church "Sometime during the year 1876, the members that then constituted the Church of God at Neptune felt the need of a home of worship of their own, but how were they to get it, as we were all poor. Many of us were in debt for our homes. But as is the saying, where there is a will there is a way, though sometimes it is a hard way as some of us found out before we got through with the building and paying for it. After many consultations with friends and neighbors ft was decided to make the effort and the members and friends donated as much of the material and labor as they could. We then went to work to get out the timber. Brothor George Piper donated most of the frame timber, and Brother John Davis donated the timber that the wainscoating is made of. Brother William Pierce donated a most magnificent tree that made all the flooring; a tree that would easily bring \$50 on the market to-day.

"Brother George Fast donated the lot on which the house stands. Brothers A. J. Fast, George Thomas and George Fast owned and operated a saw-mill just across the way and did Fulton street. Mark Beckman and the ash that the seats were made of, his mother and sisters have moved and old Father Kohlhorst furnished was not a member of the church but There may be others that contributthem after the lapse of so many years. Most all subscribed toward the building such an amount as they Elkton, and was accompanied by his were willing and were given credit on the amount for any labor per-

(Continued on Eighth Page) Our old friend Henry Ronnebaum,